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### **Acceptance of NIBRS Data From Missouri Agencies**

Now that Missouri has NIBRS Certification, we can begin to prepare for acceptance of Missouri Incident Based Reporting System (MIBRS) data. Once the systems necessary for collection of data from local agencies are completed, and the state rules and regulations concerning Missouri Agency MIBRS Certification are drafted, we will be prepared to begin accepting test data from Missouri law enforcement agencies. Agencies currently using a system designed to capture NIBRS data should watch future UCR Bulletins for announcements regarding when we will be ready to accept test data. Agencies should be aware that they will be required to undergo a certification process before their IBR data will be accepted in place of summary reporting.

### **UCR Quality Assurance Reviews**

Since the 05-02 UCR Bulletin, the following agencies received letters of commendation from the Director of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Criminal Records & Identification Division for outstanding performance and findings following their Missouri UCR Quality Assurance Review:

Jackson Police Department  
Hazelwood Police Department  
Riverview Police Department  
Audrain County Sheriff's Office

West Plains Police Department  
Crestwood Police Department  
Linn Police Department  
Platte County Sheriff's Office

Since the 05-02 UCR Bulletin, the Following agencies received a compliance rating in the 90 to 99 % range following their 2004 Missouri UCR Quality Assurance Review. While these agencies did not receive the Director's letter, they deserve special recognition for a job well done:

Creve Coeur Police Department  
Ashland Police Department

Hermann Police Department  
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Since the 05-02 UCR Bulletin, the Following agencies received a compliance rating in the 90 to 99 % range following their 2005 Missouri UCR Quality Assurance Review. While these agencies did not receive the Director's letter, they deserve special recognition for a job well done:

Callaway County Sheriff's Office  
Clarkson Valley Police Department  
Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department  
Camdenton Police Department  
Miller County Sheriff's Office  
Pleasant Hope Police Department  
Bridgeton Police Department  
Salem Police Department  
Senath Police Department  
Pleasant Hill Police Department  
Fayette Police Department  
Warsaw Police Department  
Isle of Capri Casino - Boonville

Blue Springs Police Department  
East Lynne Police Department  
Daviess County Sheriff's Office  
Clayton Police Department  
Farber Police Department  
Leadington Police Department  
Hannibal Police Department  
Hawk Point Police Department  
Linn County Sheriff's Office  
Aztar Casino  
Argosy Casino - Riverside  
Jackson County Sheriff's Office

It is important to note that one third of all independently reporting law enforcement agencies are reviewed each year. An annual report of QAR results will be available later this year. As documentation is continually being processed, there may be additional agencies that receive letters of commendation following the publication of this Bulletin. Those agencies will be identified in the September 2005 UCR Bulletin.

### **2005 UCR Deadlines**

The deadline for **police employee counts for 2005** to be submitted to the national program office is December 23, 2005, therefore the state deadline has been established as **December 9, 2005** to allow MoUCR Program Office personnel ten business days to process the data for submission.

The deadline for January through December data for agencies with a population of 100,000 or greater for inclusion in the *2005 Preliminary Annual Uniform Crime Report* is February 17, 2006, therefore the state deadline has been established as **February 3, 2006** to allow MoUCR Program Office Personnel ten business days to process the data for submission.

The national program deadline for all other 2005 data for inclusion in the *Crime in the United States 2005*, *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) 2005*, and *Hate Crime Statistics 2005* is March 14, 2006, therefore the state deadline has been established as **February**

**28, 2005** to allow MoUCR Program Office Personnel ten business days to process the data for submission.

**Note:** in the weeks following a deadline, program personnel may contact your agency. At that time you may be given the opportunity to provide corrections to your data. Agencies should note that we are seeking correction or validation of data already received and currently being processed by the FBI when those contacts occur. They are not a “deadline extension”. Data may be questioned if a trend analysis points out year-to-year changes, etc. Trend and validation reports cannot be run until the data is received and analyzed. Only then can we determine that follow-up contacts must be made. Anyone with questions may contact the MoUCR Program Office at 573-526-6278.

### **Classification Clarifications**

#### **Violations of Orders of Protection**

It has recently come to our attention that several agencies have been scoring violations of orders of protection as Offenses Against the Family (UCR Code 20). Please note that although the Missouri Criminal Code Book lists violations of protective orders under “Chapter 14 Offenses Against the Family”, the proper UCR classification of this offense is generally “All Other Offenses” (UCR Code 26). Exceptions include those situations where the violation resulted in an assault, rape, homicide, etc. whereby a Part I Offense would be reported to the UCR Program. The FBI defines Offenses Against the Family and Children as “unlawful nonviolent acts by a family member (or legal guardian) that threaten the physical, mental, or economic well-being or morals of another family member and that are not classifiable as other offenses, such as assault or sex offenses.” A clarification from the FBI CJIS center indicates that this category is still intended to collect nonpayment of support or alimony, child neglect, etc.

#### **Gaming Larcenies**

If a person is at a casino playing a slot machine, then walks away from the machine forgetting their tokens/credits, and another person comes along and takes the tokens credits and is later caught with them, this should be scored as a larceny from a coin operated machine according to national program personnel.

#### **Victims of Stray Bullets are Aggravated Assault Victims**

According to national program staff, if a person shoots at another person, and the bullet misses them, but continues through/into a residence, narrowly missing a person or persons in the house, the person(s) in the house should be counted as aggravated assault victims along with the person actually being shot at.

**Arson 1st Degree (RSMo 569.040)**

Effective August 28, 2005, fires or explosions caused by methamphetamine labs are included in the definition of Arson 1st Degree. For UCR purposes, these fires or explosions should not be reported as Arson as they lack the elements of willful or malicious required.

**Web Reporting Suggestion**

The comment section of the Return A form on the UCR Website should be used to explain any data in the agency report package that might be questioned or require validation by program staff. Use of the comment section will in many cases prevent the necessity for a follow-up telephone call by program personnel to validate information contained within the report, or prevent a report from being flagged "Questionable (D)", thereby speeding up the approval process. The Arson form also contains a comment section.

**Clandestine Lab Seizure Reports**

Completed Clandestine Lab Seizure Reports (DEA 612 forms) should now be mailed to either the UCR Program Office or directly to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, DDCC Attn: Tracy Lehmen, P.O. Box 568, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

**ASUCRP Annual Conference**

The Association of State Uniform Crime Reporting Programs held its annual conference this year in Little Rock, Arkansas from September 18-21. Missouri agencies in attendance included:

Miller County Sheriff's Office  
Lake Ozark Police Department

We would like to recognize these agencies for representing our state.

**Missouri Supplement to the UCR Handbook**

The *MoUCR Instruction Manual* has been replaced by the *Missouri Supplement to the UCR Handbook*. You may obtain a copy by contacting the UCR Program Office or by downloading it from the UCR website.

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